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TAGS: ESTC, UK

SUBJECT: PRE-LICENSE CHECK: ADVANCED CIRCUIT
MANUFACTURERS, 284 NORTH CIRCULAR ROAD, LONDON NW10, U.K.

REF: OEA/COMPLIANCE DIVISION CASE 26(77)-2; STATE'S
T-006361 AND PRIOR

1. IN ORDER TO PREVENT SOUGHT AFTER STRATEGICALLY-RATED
HIGH TECHNOLOGY PRODUCTION AND TESTING EQUIPMENT FOR
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICES FROM BEING DIVERTED TO THE USSR
AND OTHER EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES OEA/CD REQUESTS THE
EMBASSY TO CONDUCT A PRE-LICENSING CHECK ON THE FOLLOWING
TRANSACTION.

2. KASPER INSTRUMENTS, SUNNYVALE, CALIFORNIA, HAS APPLIED
FOR AN EXPORT LICENSE (BTR CASE NO. A292941) TO SHIP SIX
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MODEL 2001P WAFER ALIGNMENT SYSTEMS WITH RELATED ACCESSORY
ITEMS, VALUED AT 143,253 DOLLARS, TO THE SUBJECT FIRM.
APPLICATION FURTHER INDICATES PANDA CONSULTANTS, 53 LONDON
END, BEACONSFIELD BUCKS, U.K., TO BE THE PURCHASER AND
INTERMEDIATE CONSIGNEE FOR THE SUBJECT COMMODITIES.

3. STATED END-USE: MANUFACTURE OF SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICES.
APPLICATION SUPPORTED BY U.K. I.C. NO. 2842 US, DATED
11/11/77.

4. OEA/CD AND OTHER INDICES CONTAIN NO INFORMATION ON
SUBJECT FIRM.

5. INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND WTDR REFERENCES CONSULTED; NO
RECORD ON SUBJECT FIRM.

6. THE PROFILE OF CONDITIONS THAT ORDINARILY ATTEND
TRANSACTIONS FOR SUCH EQUIPMENT: A) ULTIMATE END-USER
WOULD BE AN ESTABLISHED FIRM EMPLOYING HIGHLY SKILLED
TECHNICIANS, B) NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES IN THE RANGE OF 50 TO
100, C) ROOMS WHERE THE EQUIPMENT IS TO BE INSTALLED WOULD
MEET LABORATORY STANDARDS, E.G., CONTROLLED TEMPERATURE,
DUST/DIRT FREE, D) OVERALL MANUFACTURING FACILITY WOULD
CONSIST OF SEGREGATED OPERATIONS, I.E., A SERIES OF ROOMS
FOR VARIOUS PRODUCTION STAGES SUCH AS SLICING, POLISHING,
CHEMICAL PHASE, PHOTO AREA, ETC.

7. SUCH A FACILITY WOULD ALSO NEED 10,000 SQUARE FEET OR
MORE OF FLOOR SPACE, A GENEROUS WATER SUPPLY, AN ELECTRIC
POWER INPUT OF 1,000 AMPS 110V/100KW-WITH A CABLE FROM
THE STREET TO THE FACTORY VISIBLE. IF THE CABLE IS
BURIED, THEN A LARGE SERVICE BOX WOULD INDICATE PRESENCE/
LOCATION.

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8. LEITMOTIF RECENT INVESTIGATIONS HAVE REVEALED ATTEMPTS

TO SIMULATE THE ABOVE-MENTIONED PRE-INSTALLATION
CONDITIONS, I.E., EDO IS USUALLY TOLD ABOUT OR TAKEN TO A
BUILDING SITE WHERE THE EQUIPMENT IS TO BE INSTALLED WHEN
CONSTRUCTION IS COMPLETED OR THE BUILDING SPACE IS
RENOVATED. EDO CAN GUARD AGAINST SUCH A RUSE BY BEARING
IN MIND THAT IT IS NOT FINANCIALLY FEASIBLE TO PURCHASE
SUCH EXPENSIVE EQUIPMENT UNLESS IT IS INSTALLED AND IN
USE BY COMPETENT PERSONNEL WITHIN A RELATIVELY SHORT
PERIOD OF A FEW WEEKS.

9. FYI. OEA/CD IS SKEPTICAL CONCERNING THE TRANSACTION
IN LIGHT OF THE DUBIOUS NATURE PREVIOUSLY EXHIBITED BY
H.R.B. HELLING, MANAGING DIRECTOR OF PANDA CONSULTANTS.
HELLING ALSO IS A KNOWN ASSOCIATE OF S. DIMONT,
CONTINENTAL MACHINERY SERVICE, U.K., THE LATTER OF WHICH
IS THE SUBJECT OF AN ACTIVE OEA/CD INVESTIGATION.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE HELLING AND DIMONT

ASSOCIATION MAY BE OBTAINED FROM U.S. CUSTOMS ATTACHE
SIMPSON.

ACTION REQUESTED:

10. VISIT THE SUBJECT FIRM AND DETERMINE THE BONA FIDES
OF THE TRANSACTION BY EXAMINATION OF DOCUMENTS AND
CORRESPONDENCE (LETTER OF CREDIT, QUOTATION REQUEST,
PURCHASE ORDER, ETC.) RELATED TO THE TRANSACTION. IF THE
FIRM IS NEW, SPECIAL ATTENTION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO ANY
DOCUMENTATION THAT INDICATES A SOURCE OF FUNDS. REQUEST
TO VISIT THE SITE WHERE THE EQUIPMENT WILL BE USED AND
ASK THE PROPOSED PRODUCTION SCHEDULE AND WHERE THE
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICES WILL BE USED OR SOLD. THE SUBJECT
FIRM SHOULD ALSO BE REQUESTED TO COMPLETE WTDR INFORMA-
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TION FOR DOC.

11. VERIFY THE INVOLVEMENT OF PANDA CONSULTANTS AS
PURCHASER AND INTERMEDIATE CONSIGNEE IN THE TRANSACTION.

12. PLEASE CABLE RESULTS OF THE PRE-LICENSE CHECK AS
SOON AS POSSIBLE. VANCE

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